

# Executive Proclamation

## State of South Dakota

### Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert H. Hayes has spent his career caring about the health and well-being of his fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, After receiving his medical degree, he opened a private practice in the rural community of Winner, making many house calls and delivering approximately 3,700 babies; and,

WHEREAS, From 1965 to 1967, he served in Vietnam, having been assigned by the United States' State Department to the Agency for International Development where he was the medical officer in charge of surgical team 35—his primary job to teach the Vietnamese modern medicine; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hayes was a teacher with the University of South Dakota School of Medicine, during which time he was instrumental in converting the medical school to a four-year program; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hayes played a key role in the establishment of rural health pilot projects which used physician extenders in 1972 and made the project sites at White River, Murdo and Wall operational; and,

WHEREAS, He was instrumental in developing the physician's assistant program in South Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hayes received the South Dakota Public Health Association's Meritorious Service Award in 1976, the C. B. Alford Award in 1985, and the South Dakota Public Health Association's G. J. Van Heuvelen Award in 1987; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Hayes' achievements in advancing the cause of health care in South Dakota are second to none, and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this exemplary South Dakotan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 13, 1988, as

DR. ROBERT H. HAYES DAY

in South Dakota, and I join the citizens of this state in thanking Dr. Robert H. Hayes for his lasting contributions in enhancing the health and welfare of the citizens of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fifth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight.

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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FORREST H. HELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE